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January 9, 1951

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I fully realize that it is ridiculous at this late date to reply to your earnest request of last October. At least now you will have the satisfaction of knowing that I did receive your letter and that having received it I did not entirely neglect to take any action on it.

Our fields of investigation are very closely allied, and while I am working primarily in an earlier period, I have nevertheless touched upon the subject about which you have requested some information. Unfortunately I have not gone thoroughly into the political aspect of the Colonial clergy because I am focussing my attention upon a single phase of education. Since your request for information of the six representatives of the religious denominations conferring with Dickinson, I have become interested in the problem and had hoped to look into several sources I had in mind, not only to satisfy my own curiosity in the matter, but to be of any potential assistance to you. But my newly born son, the necessity of finding larger living quarters here in crowded Washington, the academic holidays with meetings and out-of-town trips, and my highly geared teaching and administrative duties have all conspired to prevent my even approaching the vicinity of the Library of Congress - let alone exploring my boxes of notes which I have amassed thus far. So now I give up! My intentions are getting me nowhere, and I do not know the answer to your request.

Your topic - Political Thought of Colonial Clergy - is quite an interesting one, and I wish that it would be possible for us to talk over our work and perhaps exchange ideas. At any rate, I hope you have more time to put on your research. I am looking forward to a three months leave of absence next Summer - to be spent combing sources in Philadelphia.

Yours very sincerely,

William L. Turner

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Jan.30 1951

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, N.J.

Dear Rev. Robinson:

This time I think I can give you a quick answer and that is that the Eli Forbes sermon was never published. This question came up,as well as the matter of establishing the author of the sermon, at the time we acquired the MS. I am enclosing a copy of letter of Mr. Vail's to my predecessor. I do not remember whether I told you that the sermon has bookplate of Matt Jones '94 President New England Telephone Co. He must have given it to us in 1934. He was a collector of Americana and therefore may have had it in his possession for years, but it was unlikely that he had it at the time Trevelyan wrote his book. Mr. Jones is not living so it would be difficult to unfold the mystery.

I got a glimpse of Mrs. Eddy, Senior a few weeks ago at the Marian Anderson concert. It seemed as if she had never been away.

Sincerely yours,

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February 6, 1951

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
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Dear Mr. Robinson,

We do not have Trevelyan here. Does his note indicate in what ms. collection he found Stringer's letter? A photostat could only be obtained from those who have the original. There does not seem to be a copy in Perry, Historical Collections, Pennsylvania.

I seem to remember that Dartmouth was Secretary of State for the Colonies. If so, the letter might be in British State Papers, Colonial. I believe that a calendar of these papers has been published. If it has, the New York Public Library probably has a copy.

Sincerely yours,

William W. Manross

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February 15, 1951

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Rev. Robinson:

Under separate cover, I am sending you Dubbs' The Reformed Church in Pennsylvania, which will throw some light on the question you raised in your letter of February 8. See pages 125 following.

Faithfully,

Herbert B. Anstaett

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March 6,1951.

Reverend Stewart M.Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, N.J.

Dear Sir:

Unfortunately I was not in the Library Saturday to receive your letter of March 1st,1951, which your daughter brought in. The only printed letter of Zubly which I have found is in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, volume 8 for 1864/5, published at Boston, 1866.

The following are the manuscript letters from J.J.Zubly to Ezra Stiles in the Yale Library:

6 A.L.S. to Ezra Stiles. Savannah [Ga.] Oct.10,1768; St. Gall [Switzerland] April 19,1769; Charlestown [S.C.] May 20, 1769; Savannah, April 30, 1771; Charlestown, Oct. 9,1771; [n.p.] Jan. 30,1772. 3,3,1,2,2,2 p. and addresses.

If you wish to have photostats or microfilms of these letters made, will you please fill out the enclosed application blank. I am also enclosing a copy of our rules for the use of manuscripts.

Yours very truly,

Henry M. Fuller

HMF/s

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22 March 1951

The Rev. Mr. Stewart Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth, N. J.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Dr. Savage has told me something of your problem with regard to Witherspoon manuscripts and has shown me your letter to him of 24 November 1950.

Aside from letters, there is only one Witherspoon manuscript [in the sense of essay, sermon, etc.] listed as being here. That is an address to the trustees of the College, Oct. 7, 1783.

The lists you found in the Library of Congress are, I believe, lists prepared by someone connected in an editorial way with the publication of the Philadelphia edition (1804) of the collected works. A check reveals several of the pieces on the lists printed in the collected works. [The edition I have at hand is the Edin~~borough~~burgh, 1804-1805]

Probably the best thing to do at this juncture would be to compare, title by title, the pieces on your lists with those printed in the collected works. Do you have access to the collected works and printed bibliographies that may exist? Witherspoon manuscripts, as you know, were mostly destroyed by fire and aside from letters and documents few are in existance. There is, as far as I know, no "locator" for original Witherspoon manuscripts.

Does this clarify the matter a bit?

Yours very truly,

Alexander Clark

Alexander Clark
curator of manuscripts

P. S. Should you not have easy access to a collected edition, I will endeavor to get the list searched against the collected works and the card catalog holdings, at the rate you mention.

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Dear Mr. Robinson:

The Library Committee has approved your request for photostats of the six letters from J. J. Zubly to Erza Stiles for use in your book on the political thought of colonial clergy. This permission is granted under the rules of the Library governing the use of manuscripts, a copy of which you have.

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Yours very truly,

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April 12, 1951

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The publication I had in mind when I was talking to you yesterday is the following:

> Hinke, William J. - Ministers of German Reformed Congregations in Penna... in the 18th century. Philadelphia, Heidelberg Press, 1950.

Our copy has not yet arrived. If you are interested in seeing it when it gets here, please send me a note.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth S. Gapp

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May 14, 1951

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kemoshall Place
Elizabeth 3, N. J.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I have had someone run through the Writings on American History for information on the early clergy. The enclosed list of titles indicates the articles and books which he found listed which seemed to have some reference to this topic. Probably you already know most of these.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth S. Gapp

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Probably will have more references later
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May 23, 1951

Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, N. J.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Here are a few more titles which possibly might be of some interest in connection with your study of the political views of the colonial clergy.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth S. Gapp

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P.S. Please let me know if you want assistance in further checking of these. Some of the references do not seem entirely clear, and I can check back myself if you have difficulty in identifying the references

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May 26, 1951.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Did I ever reply to your question as to the minister of Paul Revere in 1775? He was a member of the West Church in Boston under the well known patriot, Rev. Jonathan Mayhew, D.D., 1747-1766, and his successor, Rev. Simeon Howard, D.D., minister of the West Church, 1767-1804. I do not have the complete records of West Church, but note that on December 9, 1770, Dr. Howard performed the baptism of: "Elizabeth, Daughter of Mr. Paul Revere." also, 1768, dau. Mary; "May 4th 1777 Joseph Warren, Son of Col Paul Revere." etc.

Hope this helps.

Cordially yours,

Frederick L Weis.

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THOMPSON R. HARLOW, *Director*

12 June 1951

Mr.Stuart M.Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Mr.Robinson:

Yours of the 9th. June received.

In the absence until the 25th. June of Mr. Harlow, I am attending to his mail.

The two works, the one by Stephen Johnson and the other by Amos Adams, are not available at this time. They are not Connecticut imprints and are not yet catalogued. Also, the majority of books of the library will remain packed until the new stack wing has been completed.

If you can wait until the late winter, we will doubtlessly be able to cooperate with you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

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21 June 1951

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your letter regarding an authentic list of the chaplains who served the Continental Army has been received.

We do not have this information in our office, but I shall pass your letter on to Chaplain Roy H. Honeywell who has done considerable work in research in the history of the chaplaincy. I do not know what material he has, but I am confident that he will gladly give you the benefit of his work.

Very sincerely,

R H Parker

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Mr. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Robinson:

In reply to your inquiry of June 18, the Berkshire Athenaeum owns a holograph sheet from the diary of Rev. Thomas Allen. I regret that we do not have a copy of the complete diary.

Should you desire to have us make a negative photostatic copy, the price would be about 70 cents for the two sides of the sheet. The diary fragment deals with the battle of White Plains.

Sincerely yours,

Robert G. Newman
Librarian

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P.S. "The History of Pittsfield" by J. E. A. Smith contains a number of references to Parson Allen's diary and in the Appendix are found several longer extracts from the diary.

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THOMPSON R. HARLOW, *Director*

25 June 1951

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Robinson,

I find that JOHNSON, STEPHEN "Some Important Observations Occasioned by and adapted to the Publick Fast" Newport, 1776, and ADAMS, AMOS "Religious Liberty, an Invaluable Blessing" Boston, 1768, are available. If you so desire, negative photostats can be made upon request.

Sincerely yours,

T R Harlow

Director.

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June 28, 1951

Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

We are sending to you by mail a copy of the Annals of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

All we have of Whitefield's diary was published by E.E. Eells in Church History, vol. 7, no. 4, December, 1938. However, I believe that there were one or two letters at the end of the ms. which were not printed. Perhaps Eells can give you an offhand impression of what was in them. We have a microfilm of the ms., I believe, which should include the text of the letters.

If you have any further requests, my staff will handle them during July. I expect to return from vacation about August 1.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth S. Capp

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June 28th
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Mr. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Enclosed at your request are negative photostats of the Berkshire Athenaeum's pages from Rev. Thomas Allen's diary. I have numbered the pages consecutively as they appear in the diary portion.

The charge for photostating was 80 cents and 20 cents in postage stamps is returned herewith.

Should we locate a more complete portion of the diary, I shall let you know.

Sincerely yours,

Robert G. Newman
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July 3, 1951

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Rev. Robinson:

I am sending you today the negative photostat which you asked for. I took the liberty of having a letter by Eleazar Sweetland made at the same time. I think it is the only letter written by Sweetland of Class of 1774. According to the letter Sweetland was preaching and according to Heiman he was in the service beginning in May. Maybe you will be able to figure out that discrepancy. I have another letter by an Eleazar Sweetland dated Aug. 10, 1768 from Andover [Mass.?]. If it is by your Eleazar he must have been 17 years at the time and it is possible. I have no data on Sweetland except that he was born in Hebron, Ct., May 5, 1751, Minister E. Haddam, Conn. 1776.,died Mar.25, 1787 E. Haddam,Conn. Another letter by a Joseph Johnson (Mohegan Indian) tells what passed between the writer and E. Sweetland in Lebanon, Conn. after Sweetland had thrown a stone at a dog. This is dated Sept.6, 1764.

I have no record of chaplains in the Revolution among Dartmouth graduates. My MSS. index reveals an Ebenezer Cleaveland, AB Yale 1748, AM Dartmouth 1775. I have two letters by him, one from Camp Dorcester and one from Canterbury, Conn.

If these other letters are of interest I could send you typed copies or photostats.

Sincerely yours,

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I found in your books, material about

Balch and Geagan

What is the Edel Collection? something the chaplain got together?

smr

The Edel collection really should be known as the Hoes (he was a Presbyterian Navy chaplain) collection. This is now in the Archives in Washington. Check the index of Vol. I for references to Hoes and this collection. Hoes got a lot of material together about Navy chaplains. I was unable to make the best use of this collection - it was not made available in time.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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IN REPLY REFER TO

10 July 1951

Dr. Stewart Robinson
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Dear Stew:

Your letter of the 5th came to my desk this morning. I am here for two weeks bringing the history up to date. First, let me confess that I got the position of Chairman of the General Commission mixed with that of our Presbyterian Committee. I read the new items in MONDAY MORNING and in a hurried moment did not clarify the two positions in my mind. I latter wrote to you and then discovered that I had made a mistake - Jack still holds his office. I have explained to Jack - I really wasn't trying to hurry him out. All that I said about being happy about your selection applied to the GENERAL COMMISSION.

Look in Appendix I of the first volume of my History of the Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy for a chronological list of chaplains with their ecclesiastical affiliations. According to the best information I was able to get, Andrew Hunter was the first Presbyterian Navy chaplain. We have discovered a third Navy Chaplain who served in the Continental Navy - he was Edward Brooks, an ancestor of Phillips Brooks - but he was Congregational. I put into my book all that I could find about chaplains in the Continental Navy.

I saw John Borneman in Philadelphia last week. He is a good choice. I will not be able to attend the meeting of our Chaplain's Committee this fall but will plan to be back next spring.

Cordially yours,

Clifford

I am returning home next Monday by air.

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Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,

Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Dear Stew:

I have your letters of the 10th and the 11th - rather the letter of the 10th is to Tom which he referred to me. I checked with the Naval Records Collection at the National Archives for information about HOLLOT on the Confederacy and was informed today that the roll of that vessel did not contain his name. My informant, who has rendered considerable aid to me in my researches, stated that she made diligent search but could find nothi ng. I am sorry to have to turn in such a negative report. My own work here has kept me tied to my desk as I am supposed to turn out about 15,000 words of history in the two weeks I am here. I return by air on Monday.

Tom Rymer is away just now but I left word about your request concerning the striking out of the name of Henry Miller with Mrs. Lamott at the G.C.

Best of luck to you in your researches.

Cordially,

dlf

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August 13, 1951

Dear Stew:

Unfortunately I have not had time to do any searching on the men whom you listed in your letter some time ago. But I got some one to do it, wh o comes in to help on occasions. His listing in pencil is included. I did not have time to type it off.

Best wishes! I start on my vacation, supposedly yesterday, but I am trying to clear up some things today when I can work without interruptions.

Cordially yours,

Guy S. Klett

First Presbyterian Church
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August 29, 1951

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am sorry that I have no help to offer you in your pursuit of information and records on the life and teachings of some of the great men in the life of our 18th century churches. Our church is 175 years old and this year we published the first history of the church that had ever been printed in book form. We found a woeful lack of material on the ministers and even on the work of the church itself in those early days. All we secured was information from the Historical Society and a small amount of material found in the public and Seminary libraries. We do have the wording of the call to the first pastor, Rev. George Faitout to this church and to the Allentown, N.J. Church in 1779 but we have no documents of any kind. I wish I could give you more help in this valuable service.

Most sincerely yours,

William D. Glenn

The Presbyterian Church in Morristown
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September 4, 1951

Dear Stewart:

I was very much interested in your letter of August 15 and would assure you that there is no doubt some interesting historical material connected with the ministers of the Presbyterian Churches of Morristown, particularly Pastor Johnes of the First Presbyterian Church who served in Revolutionary days.

We have a church historical society and if you could get in touch with Mr. Frederick B. Cobbett, c/o the Y. M. C. A., Morristown, New Jersey, who is officially designated the historian, or with Miss Edith M. White, 37 Franklin Street, Morristown, who does quite a lot of digging out of historical materials, I think you might be put in touch with materials which would be of interest to you. As to available sermons, I think there are some, but either Mr. Cobbett or Miss White could tell you about that.

Most sincerely yours,

Tom Mutch

TSM/bb

Thomas S. Mutch.

The First Presbyterian Church
Hackettstown, New Jersey

Rev. James R. Miller, Minister

Sept. 4, 1951

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth, N. J.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

Reference is made to your letter of August 15. We have records of the Pastors who served this church from its founding in 1763, the greatest of whom appears to have been the Rev. Dr. Joseph Campbell who served from 1809 to 1838. While he left a permanent mark upon the community I have no record of his political thought. If you are interested in pursuing this information you will help me by noting exactly what type of data you are in search of.

Sincerely yours,

James R. Miller

JRM/dbr

Allentown Presbyterian Church

Allentown, New Jersey

Frederick J. Allsup, Pastor

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson, pastor,
23 Kempshall Place,
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey.

Sir and Brother,

I am writing in response to your inquiry on 18th century divines of this area. Our records for this era are thin. We have no source material at all on the pastorates of Eleazar Wales, 1730-34, Charles McKnight, 1744-66, Wm. Schenck 1774-78 or George Faitoute, 1779-81.

On Joseph Clark we have on hand a sheaf of papers which are the contracts between pastor and congregation. Mr. Clark was pulpit supply from 1783-88. We have these renewals of contract. We also have his signature on sundry bills and accounts, pew rentals and the like. But all of these together give little insight into the nature and character of our man. Mr. Clark left here in '94 and six years later was made moderator of the General Assembly. He was a soldier of the Revolution, said to be on Washington's staff (?); he graduated from the College of New Jersey in '81 and at his installation here seven years later Dr. Witherspoon attended with the Presbytery.

We have one paper with George Faitoute's signature, a receipt for three dollars for supplying the pulpit in 1799. This was almost twenty years after the close of his pastorate here. It is the first mention of the "dollar" among our accounts. In the following decade there is much confusion on our books between the pound and the dollar.

I am sending under seperate cover a copy of Dr. Swain's history of our congregation. You may keep this copy for your own. Unfortunately, Dr. Swain was much nearer to the source than we are, and you will perceive that he did much of his work by word-of-mouth. Whatever he had in print or writing is no longer on hand.

Should you find yourself in this vicinity at any time, I shall be glad to show you our little collection. We have a pulpit Bible purchased in 1785 and a bell cast in 1763.

With high regards,

Fred Allsup

Frederick J. Allsup,

September 13, 1951

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Oct.16, 1951

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, N.J.

Dear Rev. Robinson:

Thank you very much for your identification of "Mr. David". I was indeed glad to know who he was so that I could index him properly and completely. All such things help the next research worker, even 100 years from now.

Again I thank for your interest and trouble.

Sincerely yours,

Hazel E. Joslyn

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October 22, 1951

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, N.J.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Last week I was speaking with Guy Klett of the Department of History concerning a thesis which I hope to do toward my Masters Degree at Princeton Seminary. I plan to write on the subject of the "Influence of Chester County Presbyterians in the War of the Revolution". He suggested that I get in touch with you since you are going a paper on the "Political thought of our Colonial Clergy" and might have some materials which would fall in the range of my research. Specifically do you have some information on Rev. Frances Allison who preached at New London, Pa.? Of course, he moved from the New London church in 1752, but I understand that he served as chaplain with the revolutionary forces in western Pennsylvania.

Of course, I do not intend to confine myself to the colonial clergy. I am interested in the impact of Chester County laymen as well as pastors. Perhaps the influence of the former would be an index to the affectiveness of the latter!

At any rate, if you have any information you would care to share with me I would be very grateful for it. Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

William G. Silbert, Jr.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
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November 16, 1951

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Your letter of October 3, 1950, addressed to the Pension Office, requesting information relating to chaplains, 1775-1783, has been referred to this agency.

Among the Revolutionary War pension records of the Veterans' Administration in the National Archives are files for Timothy Dwight (W21025) and Israel Evans (W23016), Revolutionary War chaplains. Upon request, we can furnish summary sheets of the pertinent data in these files to you and estimates of the costs of negative photostatic copies or microfilm of the pertinent documents in the files.

A search of the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records in the National Archives shows that there are references to chaplains in terms of pay and duties. It is the function of The Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., to give information relating to individual military service and you are advised to address that portion of your request which relates to individual military service to The Adjutant General's Office. The National Archives has no list of Revolutionary War chaplains but the names of chaplains can be found in F. B. Heitman, Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army during the War of the Revolution. (Washington, 1893).

Very truly yours,

Richard G. Wood
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